GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

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PRIVATISATION OF WATER SECTOR
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether some Water Bodies/Rivers in the country have been sold or given on lease to private companies;

(b) if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor indicating the number of water bodies sold/leased;

(c) whether there has been protests by the local people against this action alongwith the steps taken to resolve the same;

(d) whether the Government has made any scientific study about the impact of such commercial sale of water on the people, the bio-diversity and the aquifer; and

(e) if so, the remedial measures taken to resolve the same?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) No. Sir. State Governments have not informed about selling or giving of the water bodies or the rivers as such in the country to private sector. However, some of the States have provided information about private sector participation in the utilization of water resources for various purposes such as hydropower, industrial uses and for drinking purposes, etc.

(b) to (e) Do not arise.